being implemented from 2nd October, 1993 in the rural areas of 1,752 blocks in the country in which the Revamped Public Distribution System (RPDS) is in operation. The EAS aims at providing 100 days of unskilled manual work to the rural poor who are in need of employment and seeking it. The works under the scheme are to be taken up during the lean agricultural season only when there is reduced availability of rural unskilled wage employment in the farming sector. The expenditure under EAS is borne by the Centre and the States in the ratio of 80:20. An amount of Rs. 5.00 lakhs per block has so far been released to the States during 1993-94. Further releases would be made depending upon the number of people seeking employment under the scheme and the resultant demand of funds by the State Governments. The target fixed and amount allocated for the above programmes during Eight Five Year Plan period, are given as under:

Sr. No.	Scheme		Target fixed	Amount allocated
				(Rs. in crores)
1	IRDP		126 lakh families	3,350.00
2	JRY		5000 million mandays	18,400.00
3	ARWSP	1992 93 & 1993-94	0.74 lakh villages	5,100.00
		1994-95 to 1996-97	3.50 lakh habitations	

(d) and (e) No complaints regarding diversion of funds by the State Governments have been received so far.

Construction of new Houses for Persons Belonging to SCs/STs under Indira Aawas Yojana in Tamil Nadu

94. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constructed new houses for the persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes or have given them financial assistance under the Indira Aawas Yojana (IAY) during the current year in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) how much money has been sanctioned;

(d) how much money has been spent so far; and

(e) what progress has so far been made in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) During 1993-94, an amount of Rs. 2225.62 lakhs including State's share have been allocated to Tamil Nadu under Indira Aawas Yojana (IAY). According to information received from Government of Tamil Nadu, 18759 houses have been constructed and 14575 houses were in progress upto the end of October, 1993. A sum of Rs. 2671.57 lakhs had been spent on them so far, out of the current year's allocation and the untilised funds available from the previous year's allocations.